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Hello Montana Public School Administrators,

The Office of Public Instruction Indian Education for All Division would like to invite you and any interested members of your staff to attend the upcoming Indian Education for All Best Practices Conference! We are gearing up for an exciting conference this year, to be held in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn on February 24-25, 2014. Our focus this year is the integration of Indian Education for All into Montana Content Standards. This is an opportunity for you and your staff to both share your expertise and learn from other Montana Educators about how to meaningfully integrate Indian Education for All content into all curricular areas.

The Indian Education for All Best Practices conference is an annual opportunity for Montana educators to gain appropriate, specific and relevant knowledge regarding Montana Indians. Conference presentations and workshops are chosen for their content, relevance, and application for teachers K-12. In addition, it is a chance to network and discuss with other districts and schools how your school district supports culturally relevant instruction and content as a part of your comprehensive plan for Indian Education for All.

If you know of a teacher doing great things in your classroom who could share their ideas, please ask them to consider presenting at the conference. The Call for Proposals deadline has been extended to December 20, 2013. Selected presenters will be notified by January 3. For accepted proposals, travel and lodging will be reimbursed at the state rate by the Office of Public Instruction. To access the proposal application, go to: <http://www.keysurvey.com/f/435781/ae46/>

We are also soliciting nominations for an important opportunity - the third Advocacy Award for Excellence in Indian Education for All - in honor of one of Montana's finest educators, Teresa Veltkamp. Teresa was a classroom teacher and Indian Education Specialist at OPI who was passionate and inspirational in her efforts to ensure and support the highest levels of implementation of IEFA in Montana. More information can be accessed at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/IndianEd/Update_Listings/NewsStories/2013-10-24_115035.html If you have any questions regarding the proposal or conference, you are welcome to call Jennifer Stadum jstadum@mt.gov 444-0725 or Justine Jam jjam@mt.gov 406-444-7490.

Please come and share!

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